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Ashcroft makes plea to college presidents

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
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Institutional officials reacted with general favor to Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft's "challenges" posed during an address to higher education representatives last Thursday.

Ashcroft, speaking at the fourth annual Governor's Conference on Higher Education in Kansas City, outlined six areas in which state institutions can improve. They included:

- Refinement of institutional missions;
- Strengthening of institutional performance and validation of student learning;
- Equitable access;
- Improvement on cost-containment;
- Improved teacher education;
- Development of funding mechanisms that would reward institutional performance with more funding.

Perhaps drawing the most attention was Ashcroft's call for more accessibility to higher education by the underprivileged and, in particular, minorities.

Black Missourians comprise nearly 11 percent of the general population, but last year they constituted just 6.5 percent of the enrollment at the state's public four-year institutions. Those blacks received less than 4 percent of the baccalaureate degrees given to all students.

"We must take steps to help increase higher education participation and graduation rates for minorities in Missouri to the statewide averages for majority citizens," Ashcroft said. "To be successful, these steps must begin at the elementary

and secondary level, or even earlier, and continue at each of your institutions."

Harris-Stowe College President Henry Givens said he was pleased to hear the Governor focus on equitable access, a subject which some say Ashcroft has ignored in the past. Harris-Stowe has Missouri's only predominantly black student population among the state's colleges.

"One thing that impressed me was the fact that he did recognize that we must maintain accessibility," Givens told *The Chart*. "There must be room for disadvantaged students to get the same opportunity up front, and we must have programs to address that."

"We have a lot of diamonds in the rough. We have to work with them, and we must not shut the door on all these students with potential."

Ashcroft also hinted that institutions may be given more funding provided they make good on establishing performance indicators, a catch that some say will force institutions to improve.

"That seems to be an opportunity that needs to be seized by institutions," said Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher

A higher education support group says Missouri needs \$367 million to stay competitive.

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Meeting the "challenge of change"

Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft proposes:

- refining Missouri's institutional missions
- increased graduation rates
- equitable access to higher learning
- cutting institutional costs
- better teacher education
- institutional financial incentives

"We must do more than provide a 'Madison Avenue' solution to the improvement in our product. We must demonstrate concrete results that are represented in the enhanced performance of our students." —Gov. John Ashcroft



education. "If everyone waits on everyone else to make a change, then it seems that's a formula for non-action."

"If that's the case, then I don't think we can expect the political leadership to go out and say 'Higher education needs more money.'"

McClain didn't rule out Ashcroft's willingness to support a tax for higher education, something the Governor repeatedly has campaigned against.

"I think he left the window open," McClain told *The Chart*. "I think he left an opportunity for us to examine the situation. I think he went out on a limb in a sense and said 'If you'll (institutions) do these things, I'll pledge this.'"

Though he wouldn't estimate a time

frame for a tax question, McClain insisted that Ashcroft is waiting for the next move by college and university presidents before taking any steps himself.

"I think it depends entirely on institutional response," he said. "I think if the institutional leaders were listening, and if they will take his agenda seriously, I think there is hope."

Central Missouri State University President Ed Elliott was impressed by Ashcroft's address.

"I thought it was a marvelous speech," Elliott said. "I think he was right on target with every point he made. I do think, though, to accomplish what the Governor proposes will be difficult."

John Koffman, chairman of the Coor-

minating Board for Higher Education, called Ashcroft's speech "excellent."

"I think he challenged the CBHE, and we have to respond to that challenge," Koffman said. "I think John was more specific than I thought he might be."

Though Koffman admits Ashcroft posed several options the CBHE has already examined, he said the speech does much for steering Missouri's higher education community toward a common goal.

"The Governor talked about a number of things that we have had on the board for a couple of years," he said. "We're focusing on the real issues such as producing graduates that help meet the state's economic development needs."

Students, faculty will miss Nat Cole

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Nathaniel "Nat" Cole, associate professor of art at Missouri Southern, died Nov. 16 after battling lymphoma, a form of cancer.

Cole, 70, came to Southern in 1970 from South Dakota State University where he was an associate professor of art. He obtained both a bachelor of fine arts degree and a master of fine arts degree in painting from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1951 and 1952.



Nathaniel Cole

"He was one to always encourage people," said Val Christensen, head of the art department. "He took a looking at the positive side of everything he was involved in, whether it was class, making art, or social relationships with individuals."

"I never met anybody that didn't like Nat Cole."

According to Christensen, Cole learned

of his illness about mid-semester last spring. Though he had not made it official, Cole was planning to retire at the conclusion of the current academic year.

"He just enjoyed teaching and his students very much, and he didn't want to give them up," Christensen said. "His spirits remained very high during this period of time in his life, and he was concerned up to the very end for his students."

Christensen and other faculty are teaching Cole's courses and helping students cope with the death of their instructor.

"This type of thing really creates a turmoil in the student's life," he said. "Their life has been uprooted and they've been thrown into limbo."

According to Christensen, the department will hire a temporary replacement for Cole next semester and will fill the position full-time for the fall semester.

"The art department is like one big family, and now it's like one of the family is gone," said Kenalea Johnson, a sophomore art major in Cole's art history course. "He was a very kind man and a good teacher, as well as a good artist. He conveyed his love of art to all of his students and he cared about the quality of students he sent out."

Myragnene Haase, a junior art major

enrolled in Cole's art education course, recalls her instructor as being a humorist.

"I'll remember him by his laughing and talking about painting and art history," said Haase. "You could tell he had much to give, and you wanted to absorb his knowledge. He would come into class and not want you to know he was having problems."

"I will miss him very much, and I'm glad he's been relieved of his pain. He'll be sorely missed."

Garry Hess, assistant professor of art, has established a memorial scholarship fund in Cole's memory. Contributions may be made to the Nat Cole Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Hess in Room 315 of the art building, Ext. 632.

"Nat spent his life trying to give his students as much as he knew," said Hess. "He was kind, quiet, and never had a bad word for anybody. He was always available to his students and was a very patient, caring, and understanding man."

Added Christensen, "For 10 years he refined the art of teaching at this institution. There is an electricity in his work he created which says there's a little bit of him that's still here."

91 apply for plant post

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The College's search for a new physical plant director has garnered 91 applicants, and administrators hope to have a new director by February.

Missouri Southern's current director, Howard Dugan, who has served for 20 years, plans an April 1 retirement.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to select a replacement, and Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, said he is optimistic the process will be a quick one.

Members of the selection committee include Tiede, Doug Coen, personnel director; Sid Shouse, assistant to the vice president for business affairs; Gary Evans, head of the mechanical maintenance staff; and Don Plummer, head of custodial services.

Hiring a new director before Feb. 1 would be an "ideal situation," according to Tiede, who said the person would start work March 1. The overlap would give the new director enough

time to become familiar with the campus under Dugan.

The director will be responsible for managerial and budgetary aspects of the physical plant. Southern's plant includes 32 buildings on 330 acres with more than 710,000 square feet of space. Some of the duties include maintenance and repair of facilities, utilities, grounds, custodial services, central air operations, energy management, telecommunications, security, new construction liaison, and capital budgeting input. Salary range is \$37,000-\$48,000.

The College advertised the position locally and nationally.

Tiede said he has received applications from all over the United States, and the selection committee met yesterday to begin weeding through the applications.

The committee hopes to narrow down the list to 15 by the end of this month. Tiede then hopes to cut the number of candidates to five by the end of January.

The last day the College accepted applications was Dec. 1.

Undecided on your spring schedule? Try one of these courses

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The spring semester will mark the implementation of several courses that are unusual for one reason or another.

The courses include "U.S. Women's History," "Principles of Marketing," "Ethics in Business," "Seminar in Psychology," "Playwriting," "Introduction to Signing," and "Surviving and Thriving in College."

"U.S. Women's History," offered for the first time, was proposed by Virginia Laas, a social sciences instructor.

"Women's history is a viable, reasonable field of history now," said Laas. "Women are half the population, and generally they've been left out of the telling of history."

Laas said in the last 10 to 20 years much research has been done on women's roles in history, and studying these roles provides insight.

"I would like to see it worked into a regularly offered course. It is a general part of history, and it's a lot of fun."

The class will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A section of "Principles of Marketing" will meet for a two-week period over Christmas break. The class begins Dec. 26 and finishes Jan. 6, meeting from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bernie Johnson, assistant professor of business and course instructor, said the unusual time is due to the course's demand.

Because the course covers a semester's worth of material in 10 days, Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business, said students must have a strong academic record to enroll.

"This is an intensive experience," he said. "It's not for everybody. We're very careful about who we let into this class."

Johnson said he is not bothered by having to teach over Christmas break.

"I just enjoy it," he said. "There's nothing to do over Christmas break anyway because all your money's gone."

"Ethics in Business" will be offered for the first time next semester. Dr. Eugene Bell, a professor of business who joined the faculty last summer, said at that time

he asked the dean about an ethics course in the business program, and Brown agreed there was a deficiency in that area.

"There is an increased emphasis on ethics, values, and professional practice in the field of business administration," said Bell. "Many colleges and universities require a course in business ethics for a degree in business."

Bell said the course will include current ethical dilemmas in business and how business practitioners deal with these issues.

"We will try to help students develop initial positions of their own on many of these problems," he said.

"Ethics in Business" will meet from 1 to 2:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A night class in "Seminar in Psychology" will be team-taught next spring by Dr. Betsy Griffin, associate professor of psychology, and Terry Marion, associate professor of business. The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. on Mondays. Griffin said the course is being offered due to student interest.

"We were approached a couple of years

ago by some students who knew we had some common interests and background," said Griffin. "We seem to work really well as a team."

Griffin said the course applies psychology principles to businesses and looks at how people behave in organizations.

"This will give the students two different perspectives," said Griffin.

The theatre department is offering a playwrighting class for the first time. Gary Blackwood, a published playwright from Pennsylvania, will teach the course.

According to Dr. Jay Fields, theatre director, students have wanted a class in playwrighting, so he decided to keep his eyes open for someone to teach the course.

After running across an article about Blackwood in *The Joplin Globe*, Fields proceeded to contact him. The faculty lecture grant portion of the faculty development committee appropriated funds to enable the theatre department to bring Blackwood to the College. Playwrighting will meet from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Blackwood, who lives in Carthage, is

currently assisting students with their original scripts. This pleases Fields.

"He's not only a playwright, he's an author and has a couple of novels published," said Fields.

Blackwood said he took the job to work with students and also as an opportunity to make his ideas concrete.

"I'm primarily a fiction writer," he said. "You need to get out and touch base with the real world."

Next spring, theatre students will present their version of *Attack of the Mushroom People*, written by Blackwood.

After responding to student requests for the course, the education department is offering a section in sign language.

"There's always been kind of an interest in that around here," said Dr. Ed Merryman, dean of the school of education.

William Newby, a priest at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, will instruct the class, which will be a beginner's course on the manual alphabet. Newby is fluent in sign

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Friends recall Robin Cole

Sophomore psychology major dies from injuries

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After remaining in ICU for two weeks following an automobile accident, Robin Cole died Nov. 10. A sophomore psychology major at Missouri Southern, Cole was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, an honors society.

Her instructors at the College recall her diligence in classes.

"She was attending classes regularly and working hard," said Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of business. "She was a very nice young lady."

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, remembers Cole as being very attentive and alert looking in class.

"She was a striking girl," said Gubera. "She had a particular presence about her. You kind of gravitated toward her in class. The day after Robin died we paused for a few minutes in class and remembered her presence."

Juggling two jobs this semester, Cole was employed by Computerland and a local dentist's office.

Forrest Reed, owner of Computerland, recalls Cole's strong recommendations when she applied.

"One of the primary reasons we hired her was because she had an excellent reputation as a good worker," said Reed. "I guess her work ethic was what really sold me on hiring her."

Holly Hess, a sophomore accounting major at Southern, began a friendship

with Cole in the fifth grade. This year they were roommates.

"She didn't really have any prejudices against anyone," said Hess. "She was always nice to everyone."

Over the years, Hess and Cole were best friends.

"We shared a lot together," Hess said. "It was the kind of friendship that a person encounters only once in a lifetime. It can never be replaced."

Angie Camarillo, another friend of Cole's who will attend Southern next semester, remembers her positive attitude.

"Robin was a motivator," said Camarillo. "She knew how to pick people up when things were down and point them in the direction they needed to go."

"She also had the best attitude toward life out of anybody I've ever seen."

Cole also was close to Wayne Cooper, a former Southern student who later went to the University of Missouri-Columbia. The two dated for four years. Cooper withdrew from his classes this semester and returned to Joplin to be with Cole following the Oct. 27 accident.

Cooper said the years he spent with Cole were the happiest of his life.

"She gave me strength, determination, and guidance regarding my education and life in general," he said.

"Robin and I shared many very special moments, moments I will cherish forever that will never be replaced by another," said Cooper. "Life without her will never be the same."

In her memory, Cole's family sent a letter to *The Chart*.

"To Robin, our beautiful, kind, dedicated, gentle and loving daughter. We'll miss you, but we know you'll live on through us with your beautiful smile warming our souls."



Robin Cole

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language and is a missionary to the deaf in the Episcopal Church.

Students will be taught American sign language and sign vocabulary.

"I think it's important for people to be able to communicate with the deaf," Newby said. "The more people learn the language, the less isolated the deaf are."

The two-hour class will meet from 2 to 2:50 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"Surviving and Thriving in College" is being offered to provide students with skills to benefit them throughout their college careers.

The course aims to assist students in developing a sense of responsibility, as

well as strengthening their management, test-taking, note-taking, and listening skills.

Myrna Dolence, director of the Learning Center, said the course will offer more extensive preparation to students.

"We have some preparation in College Orientation, but nothing in depth," said Dolence. "This just seemed a little more aimed at the individual. I think it particularly should apply to the returning students."

Sharon Beshore, a reading instructor, will teach the two-hour class, which meets from 9 to 9:50 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

MSTV to broadcast seven Mizzou contests this year

In reaction to public demand for more expansive sports coverage, MSTV will telecast seven basketball games from the University of Missouri this season.

The first game, which featured the Tigers against Creighton, aired Monday night.

"Last year we carried Missouri games and we had a good response because of the regional interest," said Judy Stiles, director of community services.

"We became known as a sports

channel because of our Cardinal [baseball] games," she said. "So now a lot of people look to Channel 57 for our sports coverage."

The schedule includes four Big Eight contests. The games will be broadcast on MSTV, Channel 18, and K57DR-TV, Channel 57 on the UHF dial. The next game will air at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

MSTV also will broadcast several Missouri Southern basketball games next semester on Sunday nights.

Saturday	Dec. 16, 1989	Bradley at Mizzou	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 20, 1989	Mizzou vs. Illinois	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 16, 1990	Mizzou at Okla. State	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 31, 1990	Mizzou at Iowa State	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 21, 1990	Iowa State at Mizzou	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 28, 1990	Kansas State at Mizzou	7:00 p.m.

Accident claims life of graduate

Arleigh Holmes, a 1987 graduate, was a campus leader

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
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Arleigh Holmes, a Joplin resident and 1987 Missouri Southern graduate, died Tuesday as the result of a two-vehicle accident on I-44, approximately seven miles south of Carthage.

Holmes, 27, was employed as a management trainee by Terminix International of Joplin. He was a passenger in a Terminix business truck when co-worker Kevin Coulter, driver of the truck, attempted to pass and struck another automobile head-on, driven by Jessie Hetrick, 57, of Joplin. The Hetrick vehicle was eastbound in the westbound lane.

According to Jasper County Coroner Rob Knell, Holmes died instantaneously of a broken neck. Coulter and Hetrick sustained serious injuries and both were transported to Joplin's Freeman Hospital.

"His death is a great loss to many people," said Sherley Maples, bookkeeper for Terminix International in Joplin. "He was a very nice person and a good friend to everybody. He didn't know how to say no."

Though he was a commuter student and held a job, Holmes was still involved in many different campus organizations,

serving two years as president of Kappa Alpha, a social fraternity on campus.

"He was a very intelligent person and a campus leader," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "What really stands out in my mind was that he was really interested in ways of benefiting the College."

"He was a believer in Missouri Southern," Holmes, a 1980 graduate of Carl Junction High School, left the College with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and management, and a similar degree in general business.

Dan Fowler, head resident of the Webster Hall area, went through the ROTC program with Holmes and recalls him as being a "jokester."

"I remember Arleigh as being everybody's friend," said Fowler. "He was someone we looked to for a joke, and he kept us in stitches all the time. He was always able to lift our spirits, and I'm going to miss him very much."

Funeral services, under the direction of Parker Mortuary, are scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Joplin. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. today in the Parker Chapel.

Players start rehabilitation

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Three Missouri Southern football players involved in an Oct. 29 automobile accident are in various improved conditions.

Senior starting quarterback Alan Brown, who was being treated for head trauma at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, was transferred Nov. 25 via air ambulance to the Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix for rehabilitation. The institute specializes in the treatment of brain and spinal injuries.

Brown, who is listed in fair condition, ate some ice cream Tuesday, his first "real food" since the accident. His physicians were concerned whether he would have trouble swallowing, but he did not.

According to Donna McKenzie, his mother, Brown responds more alertly now, when he is awake and his eyes are open. Even though he cannot respond directly to commands, she said he knows "we're here and we love him very much."

He's well on his way to recovery and rehabilitation," McKenzie said. "Every day he seems to be more aggressive in his movement. It's a slow process, but we're getting there."

McKenzie and Brown's father enjoyed a special moment with their son Tuesday.

"When we left the hospital, his father and I both asked him for a kiss, and he kissed both of us on the cheek," she said. "He knew we were there, and we cried."

David Gossett, a senior starting offensive tackle, is listed in fair condition at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa after suffering a shattered hip and broken ribs.

"I feel fine," said Gossett. "My ribs don't hurt that much anymore, and I've been doing leg exercises."

Gossett's leg will be in traction until early next week, with a pin through the bone which pulls on his leg to keep pressure off his hip.

"I've just been sitting around watching TV, reading, and going over some of my schoolwork," he said. "Maybe next week I'll be released, but it depends on how the X-rays of my hip look early next week. I'll probably be released Dec. 16 or 17."

Jim Mazzocchi, a senior reserve linebacker and special teams player who suffered a fractured left jaw and a compound fracture to his left wrist, is recuperating at his home in Des Plaines, Ill.

"I feel a lot better than I did," he said. "I lost about 40 pounds, and I'm starting to put the weight back on."

Mazzocchi had his mouth unwired yesterday and is scheduled to have the cast on his left arm removed tomorrow.

"I start rehabilitation on my arm about a week after the cast is off," he said. "Right now I'm just hanging around the house. I'll be back next semester."

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To solve education woes, group seeks \$367 million

Missourians for Higher Education releases report

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri higher education needs \$367 million more to remain competitive with surrounding states, and one group says voters could face a tax question on a 1990 ballot.

The group, Missourians for Higher Education, recently released a report defining institutional needs. College and university presidents were asked to supply MHE with dollar figures that would meet their respective institution's needs. The \$367 million is approximately 50 percent more than the state is currently providing.

MHE represents all of the state's public two- and four-year institutions and many of the state's private colleges.

Paul Ricker, a MHE staff member, said Missouri spends the least per person for higher education compared to surrounding states.

"Nationally, we don't compare well at all," Ricker said. "We need to get some-

thing going legislatively or we'll fall behind. Hopefully in the next session of the legislature, something will be done."

Ricker said one solution would be a tax, though he cites 1990 as an election year, a time tax increases are rarely mentioned.

The 22-page study will be distributed to lawmakers this month. Specific areas dealt with in the report include:

- New programs, \$76.8 million;
- Staff and faculty salaries and professional development, \$50 million;
- Maintenance and repair, \$99 million;
- Computers and other high tech equipment, \$32 million;
- State grants, \$33 million, and;
- Scholarships and other financial aid, \$16 million.

Higher education institutions have been criticized by lawmakers who contend that state schools tend to ask for what they want and not what they need. Central Missouri State University President Ed Elliott said MHE did not reduce the institutions' requests, trusting their integrity.

Paige needs 100 contributors before he can publish book

BY SUZANNE ALLEN
CHART REPORTER

A search for contributors to a book compiled of several biographies has not been as successful as expected, according to Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology.

In August Paige sent 500 letters asking people from "all walks of life and all ages" to contribute their past experiences and mistakes.

He delivered approximately 300 of the letters to fellow members of the faculty at Missouri Southern, friends, relatives, and acquaintances in this area and in Kansas City, where he was raised. Paige said he "handed them out" as he saw people.

His main goal was to "get people from their teens to people in their 70s and 80s."

Contributors would discuss their personal mistakes and how they would improve those periods in their lives given the opportunity.

Writers would address the generation before them.

"Teenagers would write to the child population, people in their 20s would write to both teenagers and children," Paige said. "Those in their 30s would write to all younger-aged persons and so on."

He has found that many people have regrets, and that they would make changes if given the chance.

"Working in this clinic (Counseling Associates), I encounter a lot of people who have regrets from the past," he said.

The idea of a book that could perhaps benefit others by avoiding some of the writers' mistakes "seemed like a good idea." He is interested in exploring the lessons that people learned through omissions in their lives.

Paige's role is to recruit contributors, offer helpful suggestions, edit the results, and find a publisher.

"I wanted to make sure people were interested before approaching a publisher," he said.

Paige expects to reimburse the contributors by dividing 50 percent of the royalties between them, while keeping the remaining royalties.

A minimum of 100 contributors would be required before he could proceed with the publication. So far, only three potential contributors have made contact.

"I really didn't know what to expect," said Paige, who said he was disappointed with the outcome. "I wanted to give it a try."

Persons interested in contributing may still contact him at Ext. 504.



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Flag fixing

Herman Moser and Allan Rose of the maintenance staff get a first-hand view of Missouri's state flag as they repair a broken cable on the flagpole at the campus Veteran's Memorial.

Freeman plans summer return to College

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Though she originally planned to return to the College four months ago, Elaine Freeman has extended her leave of absence and is tentatively scheduled to return July 1.

"She won't be back this year," said Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services. "She called at the end of the last school year and asked if she could have a one-year extension on her leave, and we said OK."

Freeman, College Orientation leader and coordinator of the patron's scholarship program, took a one-year sabbatical in August 1988 to complete her residency requirements at Tulsa University for a Ph.D. in higher education administrative policy.

"I had an opportunity to extend my leave, and I did so," said Freeman, who

came to Southern in 1980. "I should be back by early summer."

According to Dolence, Freeman has just completed her oral and written examinations for her degree and is preparing to complete her dissertation, which she hopes to finish by May.

"Elaine is a very talented young lady and a very academically talented person," said Dolence. "She's certainly an asset to Southern, and we're anticipating her being back on staff next year."

While at TU, Freeman has done a variety of work for the student services office ranging from adult programs to career placement services. She is now serving an internship with the Oklahoma Board of Regents, similar to Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Dolence said Freeman will have her final project for the Board completed this month.

"It's been a real hardship around here with Elaine gone," said Doug Carnahan,

assistant to the vice president for student services. "We're normally short-handed anyway, and it'll be a big help when she returns."

Lori LeBahn, a 1988 Southern graduate, has been filling in for the past three semesters for Freeman. This semester she also is replacing Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, who is on maternity leave.

According to LeBahn, when Carlisle returns in January, she will retain her position as Interim College Orientation director but will assist Carlisle with student activities.

With Carlisle back in her position and with the expected return of Freeman in July, the College has not reached a decision about LeBahn's future at Southern.

"We don't know at this point in time what we're going to do," Dolence said. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Getting down to business

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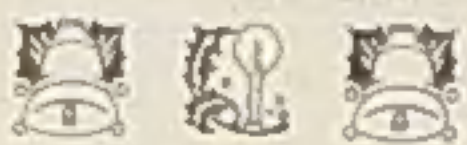
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NANCY CRUZAN

Life choice
is tough one

Seven years of torment is enough. For Joe and Joyce Cruzan, it may have been nearly seven years too many. Yesterday, the Supreme Court heard arguments in the nation's first right-to-die case to reach the high court. Nine justices have the unenviable task of deciding not whether Nancy Cruzan, critically injured in a automobile accident in 1983, should be allowed to die, but instead whether to allow her parents to end her life. It matters not who wishes mercy upon Nancy, for it is a foregone, albeit a percentage-based conclusion, that she will die.

The emotional havoc endured by the Cruzans makes the best case for the family, but if we want valid medical opinion to prove to us that Nancy has no chance of living a productive life, we need only look at her status: a "persistent vegetative state."

It is noble to insist that life must be preserved at all costs; however, it is unrealistic. If indeed the medical opinions hold water (and it appears they do), it would be useless and cruel to continue to force the mindless existence of their daughter upon the Cruzans. Never mind that Nancy is a ward of the state, for she is still the daughter of Joe and Joyce, and this burning question haunts them, not the state.

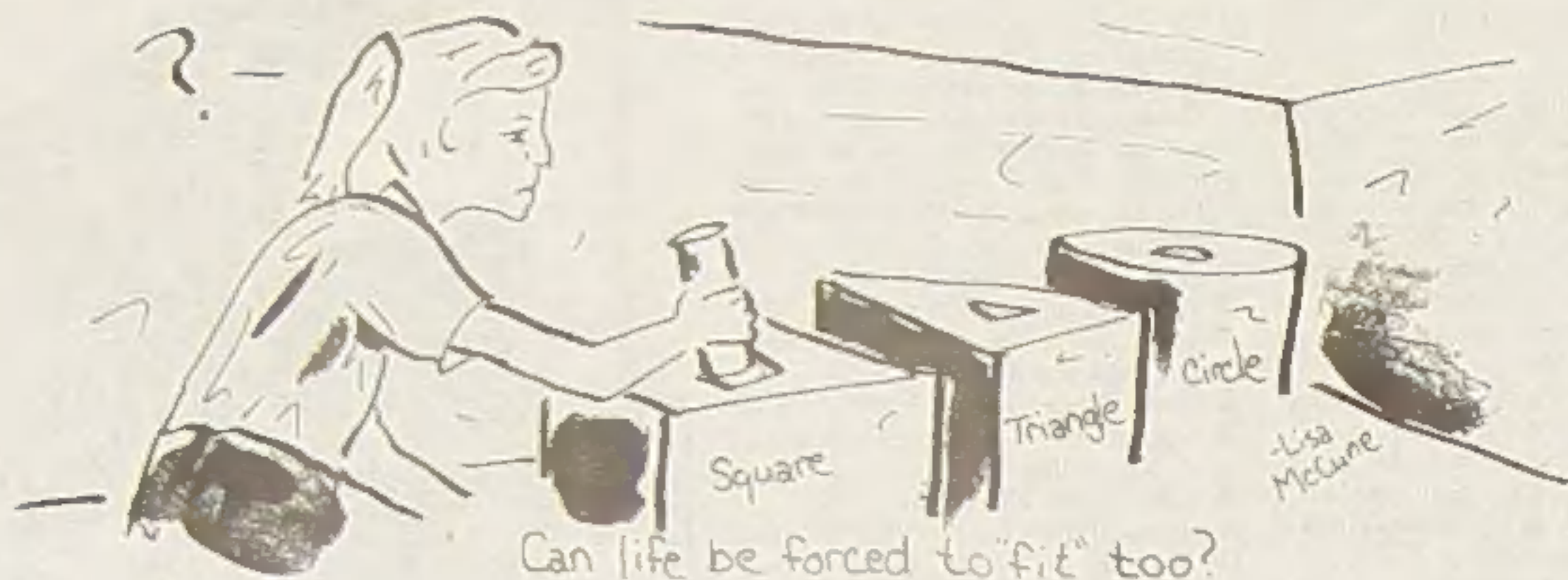
HIGHER EDUCATION

Ashcroft is on
the right track

Blanket rhetoric and good feelings aside, Gov. John Ashcroft has the right ideas, and higher education officials are thinking positively about the Governor's outlook.

Last week, Ashcroft addressed institutional representatives and members of Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education at a conference in Kansas City. His greatest concern was an institution's ability to indicate performance, and before he could dole out the funds, he said colleges and universities must come up with the goods.

Ashcroft is correct to expect the institutions to increase graduation rates, refine missions, and create equitable access for the underprivileged. We have to be concerned about Ashcroft's continual insistence that we show him something, for it would be very easy to keep denying funding until his standards are met. Ashcroft is not easy to please.



Global warming needs our attention

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Imagine the state of California smothering under heat, smog, raging forest fires, and water shortages; the Mississippi River running so low that commerce is threatened; and New York experiencing summer heat waves so intense that hospital emergency rooms are jammed? Hard to envision? Well, it shouldn't be for Earth is now believed to be entering the "greenhouse century."

According to Dr. Stephen H. Schneider, head of the Interdisciplinary Climate Systems at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., and the world's leading expert of global climatic change, the greenhouse effect describes the "increased warming of the earth's surface and lower atmosphere due to increased levels of carbon dioxide and other atmospheric gases," like the glass panels of a greenhouse, let heat in but prevent some of it from going back out. In laymen's terms, if you've ever returned to your car on a sunny day and the air inside the car was baking, you've experienced the greenhouse effect.

At first, it is only fair to recount a little of the history concerning global warming. The changing of the climate actually began at the beginning of the industrial revolution. Humans have increased the atmospheric content of carbon dioxide nearly

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25 percent by burning fossil fuels such as coal and oil and by burning forests. Though carbon dioxide makes up only 1 percent of the atmosphere, when you put it with water vapor and other gases it plays a vital role in determining the earth's climate.

Through scientific studies, it has been concluded that heat is trapped between the surface of the earth and the level, high in the atmosphere, in which radiation escapes, causing the earth to be about 30 degrees warmer (C°) than it would be without the trapping. Scientists fear the increasing amount of carbon dioxide and other gases will increase the heat trapping and warm the climate. This means that the greenhouse gases will raise the earth's temperature by one, five, or even 10 degrees (C°) over a 50-, 100-, or even 500-year span.

By now you're asking yourself what all of this warming talk means. I became interested in "saving the planet," so to speak, in 1988 after it was brought to public attention. I quickly became engrossed in the topic and have been following it ever since. Now, it's time for everyone to wake up and realize what is happening to the world around them. Theirworld. The aim of this column is to help people realize that if something isn't done, some changes made in our behaviors, activities, and lifestyle, then the earth's climate will dramatically shift, causing disruption in nature and a change in the environmental conditions.

There are many things a person can do in everyday life that can make a difference. Here are just a few of the actions you can take:

- ✓ Buy energy efficient machines, cars, light bulbs, refrigerators, and air conditioners.
- ✓ Insulate your house and hot water heater and set the temperature to 120° F.
- ✓ Ride your bicycle, walk, or use public transportation whenever possible, instead of driving.
- ✓ Have your furnace and/or air conditioner tuned.
- ✓ Plant a tree in your yard to emit oxygen into the air.

If you get really into "saving the planet," write to your state officials or Congressmen expressing your support for global warming legislation that includes higher auto efficiency standards, imposing fees on carbon dioxide emissions, coal, and gas, and a greater federal investment in renewable energy sources.

Floods, heat waves, droughts, hurricanes (remember "Hugo"?), and tornadoes are all possible previews of what could happen if the earth's temperature rises 3° F to 5° F within the next century, which many experts believe may just happen. The "greenhouse century" could bring increased evaporation from lakes and seas; more hot, dry summers similar to 1988; totally unpredictable weather, and the loss of many species of animals and plants.

There are articles in the newspapers nearly every day concerning people striving to save parts of our environment, namely the oceans and rain forests. So stop reading the funnies and make time to enlighten your knowledge as to what's happening around you, for things seldom stay the same and you probably don't want to wake up some morning to a major climatic upheaval.

What it means to become professional

BY DR. BETTY CAGLE
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

What is professionalism to college students? The mid-1960s to the late 70s are described as periods when our college students heard about equity and reform in the areas of rights and entitlements. Beginning in the late 70s, a shift in educational policy resulted in the current generation of reforms centering around quality, productivity, efficiency and performance. Educators recognize the significance of a well-educated society as they assume new powers and responsibilities. Thus, the 80s have focused on an important theme—professionalism.

Everyone can be a professional. Professionalism is an attitude; thus, with a positive attitude all can be pros in their chosen careers. Since we can all be professionals, we must first look the part, which means being clean and neat. Fashion is a look, not a price tag.

A second aspect of being professional is being

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organized. The first requisite of discipline is order. Orderly conduct is critical which means we must set time lines for ourselves and not procrastinate. Establish set procedures. Having established routines will save time and also prevent discontent among those around us.

Another aspect of being professional is to act professional. I believe it is very unprofessional to gossip or grumble. All have responsibilities and deadlines to meet. Attending school and/or working is a privilege. If you don't believe this, ask the handicapped.

We must respond in a professional manner to the negativity around us. It is an indicator that we understand that the "pro" takes Personal Responsibility and Organizes activities which leads to positive thoughts and deeds. If we have a positive, professional attitude that guides us to give of ourselves to our educational pursuits and our jobs, we learn that we receive more than we give. Our self-image improves.

A professional is reasonable. Whatever your individual standards may be, make sure they are reasonable, well understood by others, fair and consistent. Don't ask others around you to do what you

are unwilling to do.

Professionals are friendly always, but there is a basic difference between friendliness and familiarity. Familiarity can breed contempt. In your classes and your work, you should always be the friendly person doing a professional job.

Professionals stay in control and have a respect for authority. They are objective and honest. No one is perfect; we're all human. Be big enough to admit errors and learn from them. The perfect mistake is that mistake we make once, learn from, and don't make again.

An understanding attitude is part of being a professional. Remember that love and respect are the two most unusual commodities we have in our society. The only way we can get them is by giving them away. This process starts with understanding.

Be professional. People are drawn to positive, helpful, and professional people. Dream some impossible dreams and reach for unreachable stars. Remember, people can't hear your words because they are drowned out by the sound of your actions. Set your sights high and remember, you are limitless if you model professionalism along the way. Professionalism before graduation? You bet! We observe professional behaviors from our students on a daily basis. Are we speaking of you?

YOUR
LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Department made good choices

I am delighted that the Theater Department has chosen this year to present two plays by Missouri's own Lanford Wilson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and, to my mind, America's greatest living playwright. I became acquainted with Wilson's work in the San Francisco Bay area, where his plays are regularly produced by the West Coast's premiere companies. I was not aware that he was a Missourian at the time I moved here.

I must say that I did not expect to be privileged to see Wilson's plays produced right

here at Southern, although it is extremely fitting that they should be. I wish to commend the Theater Department and Jay Fields for choosing to produce them, and the directors, cast and crew of each for doing justice to *Hot L. Baltimore* and *Talley's Folly*. You did a fine job. I look forward to more Wilson at Southern (perhaps the rest of the trilogy?) and more fine theater of all kinds.

Libby Westle

What was the point of Saltzman's 'In Perspective'?

I am writing in response to Dr. Arthur Saltzman's "In Perspective" contribution to the November 9 issue of *The Chart*.

I have to ask, "What is his point?" I read through his offering in disbelief! An ENGLISH PROFESSOR wrote this gooey mass of words? If Dr. Saltzman really did write it, what was he really trying to say? I had a difficult time reading through his metaphors (some of which were downright ugly).

My interpretation of his words narrows

down to three simple points: some students don't care about their classes; some instructors don't care that the students don't care; but Dr. Saltzman cares. The problem is that after reading "In Perspective" I intend to avoid his classroom and I wonder how many other students were turned off by his overdone composition. WAIT A MINUTE! Maybe THAT was the point of the piece...Dr. Saltzman wants to limit the number of students enrolling in his classes!

Twenty years ago, when I was in high school, I had a wonderful English instructor. He taught that the beauty of language is in its simplicity. He shared an anagram I wrote by, K.I.S.S., Keep It Simple, Stupid. I have a K.I.S.S. sign above my desk to remind me that simplicity in my communication to others is important if I want to be understood. Perhaps we should make a K.I.S.S. sign for Saltzman.

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Supreme Court to decide landmark case from Missouri: Nancy Cruzan's RIGHT TO DIE

BY ANITA NORTON
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In what has become a heated debate drawing nationwide attention, arguments were heard yesterday before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Nancy Cruzan case.

The case concerns a person's "right to die." By its nature, it has stirred strong passions on both sides of the issue. The case presents a dilemma that could result in a national precedent concerning the removal of life-sustaining support from persons who have no hope of recovery.

But more than that, this case is about the lives of those most closely involved, namely Nancy Cruzan and her parents, Joe and Joyce, who live in Carterville—just a few miles from Missouri Southern.

Problems started for the Cruzans in January 1983 when events occurred that placed them in a situation in which few, if any, would want to be. Nancy, then 25, was involved in a serious automobile accident on an icy two-lane road in which she sustained massive head injuries and was without oxygen for nearly 20 minutes.

Within a few days of the accident, one of the doctors treating Nancy told her parents that for her nourishment it would be necessary to place a feeding tube in her. Although Joyce does not remember signing any authorization for this to be done, the family did consent to the procedure, because, as Joyce said, "I just automatically signed it if they needed to do something to help Nancy."

"I would agree to do anything." In the beginning, the family did not know Nancy would never recover. In fact, their main concern was for her recovery, and they would do everything necessary to help her.

"I think for awhile we were so hopeful," said Joyce. "She had to be OK because we couldn't accept the fact that she wouldn't be."

But Nancy Cruzan was not OK. Nine months after the accident, she was transferred to the Missouri Rehabilitation Hospital in Mount Vernon. She has remained there for the last six years in a condition referred to by doctors as a "persistent vegetative state."

Dr. James C. Davis, Nancy's attending physician, describes the condition as a "mindless existence," though he said he was not certain if Nancy was aware of anything.

According to Davis, the hospital does not have the means to test Nancy's awareness in this area. However, he said there is a test called a Positron Emission Tomography available in other parts of the country which can determine whether certain activity in the brain is taking place.

Perhaps this is one of the factors in this heated issue. It is agreed upon by all sides that Nancy is not brain-dead. However, no one seems to be able to say with certainty what cognitions she has, if any. To her family, though, she has none.

Her parents describe her as a "very active and fun" person before the accident. To them she is not the same person now.

"She was very particular about the way she looked," said Joyce. "She watched her diet and was a very proud person. Now, she, of course, can't do anything for herself."

The family, protective of Nancy, does not want people to see her in her present condition, which Joyce describes as constricted with her legs and arms drawn tight against her. Joyce said Nancy "somewhat resembles what she looked like before the accident, but not a whole lot."

"Someone has to come and turn her every two hours and take care of all of her body functions," said Joyce, who does not believe Nancy is aware of her condition.

The Cruzans said they maintained hope for their daughter's recovery for some time. During many of their visits to Nancy they would plead with her to "come back," offering her "bribes" "just to come back."

"We finally got to where we quit that because we knew it wasn't fair to her," Joyce said. "If there was any ability of her to understand and she couldn't respond, that was not a fair thing to say to her."

"It took a long time to lose all hope because the doctors always said, 'Well, we'll just have to wait and see, wait and see, wait and see,'" she said. "And I think that they were right because every patient is different. So that's what we did. We waited and tried, and it just took a long time to finally realize that it wasn't going to get any better."

Joyce believes that if Nancy was aware of her condition she would be "horrified, as most people would."

"We're aware of what she looked like before, and how much she would not want to be maintained the way she is when there is no hope for any kind of recovery," she said.

According to Nancy's father, Joe, the realization that Nancy could "exist" in a vegetative state for a number of years without recovery has been a "terrible strain" on the family.

"She wouldn't want to live in these conditions," he said, "and she would be concerned about what it is doing to her family, the same as I would be concerned. I think that any thinking person would realize that we have been under terrible stress for seven years. Some people say, 'Ah hah, they want to get rid of her,' but that has nothing to do with it. Our lives have been on hold for seven years. We haven't done anything except what is necessary to

ious emotions.

"I've seen her relax when people have asked her to relax," said Walker, "but you don't know whether she's just doing that involuntarily or not. At times I've thought I've seen her respond. I've seen her cry—I've seen her smile—I've seen her get mad—[I've seen] this whole range of emotions."

When it comes to the question of removing Nancy's feeding tube, Walker said, "It's not my decision to make, and I don't believe it's anybody else's."

"We have a lot of non-verbal patients, but we communicate. And my personal belief is that Nancy is inside. There's no way she's ever going to come out. But she's still there, and it's not the medical profession's or the legal system's position to say, 'Oh, this is costing \$75,000 a year, and she's never going to open her eyes and say

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—Joe Cruzan, father of Nancy Cruzan

get by day to day, day to day.

"If there's a death in the family, usually there is a funeral two or three or four days later," he added. "People don't expect that family to make decisions about whether to buy a new car or truck, to paint their house, or this or that. They know they're in a grieving process."

"We've been suspended in this limbo for seven years losing our daughter, and it's almost like they say, 'No, you can't have a funeral.' I think people who think will realize that what I am saying is true."

For these reasons the family is fighting the state of Missouri to have Nancy's feeding tube removed.

"Why should someone have to continue to exist or to suffer just because someone else thinks that according to them they wouldn't want to do that?" Joe said.

"That's their privilege; I have no problem with that at all, but I do have a little bit of a problem with them trying to tell me what I should do."

"Why is the state of Missouri punishing Nancy by existence?"

Although the Cruzans believe Nancy would not have wanted to just "exist," most of the nursing staff at the hospital in Mount Vernon wants to keep her alive. An atmosphere of tension rises when the issue of removing Nancy's feeding tube is discussed. Many of the nurses on her floor have grown fond of Nancy and refuse to discuss the idea of allowing her to die.

One of the nurses, Danny Walker, took care of Nancy during her first two years there. He said in the time he has cared for her he has seen Nancy respond with var-

ious emotions.

"You just can't place a value on life," he said. "There's something there."

Don Lamkins, the hospital administrator, estimates the cost of Nancy's care at approximately \$75,000 per year. He said the hospital's position in the issue is that it must obey whatever the law dictates, which presently says it is illegal to remove Nancy's feeding tube. Lamkins said the hospital as an institution has no "personal" feelings in the situation.

Walker, though, said he believes the issue "comes down to dollars and cents and the number of beds in hospitals."

However, because Nancy was declared a ward of the state, the cost of her care is assumed by the state of Missouri, not the Cruzans.

Davis, Nancy's physician, said the strong feelings held by some of the nursing staff toward Nancy is a result of bonding from the care they give her. He said as her doctor he does not see her as often as the nurses and has been able to remain neutral in his personal feelings toward her.

"When you bond with people," he said, "you don't want to see them die."

Davis said he first was opposed to the idea of removing Nancy's feeding tube, but has since changed his mind.

"My first consideration was of the patient's rights," he said. "I was still concerned with things I had been taught in medical school as far as ethics and things of this nature. We just naturally did everything that we could to keep the patient alive. And after coming into contact with this court case, seeing the ruling, reading

NANCY CRUZAN TIMELINE

1983

JAN. 11, 1983—Nancy Cruzan, 25, of Carterville, is thrown from her car in a one-vehicle accident about five miles from Carthage. She suffers massive internal injuries and is without oxygen for nearly 20 minutes.

OCT. 19, 1983—Cruzan is admitted to the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon in a "persistent vegetative state."

1987

MAY 28, 1987—Her parents, Joe and Joyce Cruzan ask the state center to disconnect Nancy's gastrostomy tube, which provides food and water directly to her stomach. Without it, she would die in a week. The hospital refuses to do so without a court order.

OCT. 26, 1987—The Cruzans file a civil suit in Jasper County Circuit Court asking for permission to disconnect the tube.

1988

MARCH 9, 1988—A three-day hearing on whether Nancy Cruzan should be allowed to die begins in Jasper County.

JULY 27, 1988—Jasper Circuit Court Judge Charles Teel rules the Cruzans have a constitutional right to withhold their daughter's food and water. Assistant Attorney General Robert Presson, who argued the case for the state in Jasper County, decides to appeal.

SEPT. 29, 1988—The Missouri Supreme Court hears oral arguments in the state's first right-to-die case.

NOV. 13, 1988—In a 4-3 decision, the state Supreme Court reverses Judge Teel, ruling their must be "clear and convincing evidence" before a person is given permission to die.

DEC. 13, 1988—The Missouri Supreme Court refuses to rehear the case, paving the way for the Cruzans to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989

MARCH 13, 1989—The Cruzans file a motion for the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

JULY 3, 1989—The U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, the first time it will consider a right-to-die issue.

OCT. 18, 1989—The U.S. Justice Department asks the Supreme Court to uphold the Missouri Supreme Court decision denying the Cruzans the right to disconnect Nancy Cruzan's feeding tube.

Yesterday—Oral arguments were heard before the nation's highest court.

SOURCE: SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

everything I could get my hands on from both sides of the issue, I'm beginning to swing around and say, 'Why are we doing this? Is there any real purpose to the continuation of the feeding?'

"Not to say I want to pull the tubes," he explained. "I'm just saying, 'Does the family not have that right if they wish to?'"

"I have thought about it," he added, "and come to the conclusion that no one ever told the family that once they made that decision to put that tube in that they could never, ever, ever change their mind and take it back out. And that's why there's the problem."

"It's, so to speak, an invasion of the family's privacy as far as society is concerned," Davis said. "I don't think that society has the right to invade the privacy of that family."

So, because of conflicting ideas and opinions and also because the law as it currently stands in the state of Missouri makes removal of Nancy's feeding tube illegal, the decision of whether she should live or be allowed to die remains with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Robert Presson, assistant attorney general, argued the state's case for 20 minutes yesterday. The nation's Solicitor General

took 10 minutes of argument time defending the state. The Cruzans were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union.

There is some anger with the couple that they have had to open their personal lives and sorrows before the nation.

"Some of it is anger at the system because it takes so long to resolve something," said Joe. "In my opinion, the state has a purpose to make certain that incompetent people are not abused or taken advantage of. I think we proved at the court level that our motivations in this were for Nancy, to do what we thought she would want us to do in her best interest, and I think the state went a little bit too far in protecting her rights."

"First and foremost," he added, "the reason we are doing this is because we feel very strongly that Nancy would not wish to continue living. In fact, if it wasn't for that strong conviction, it would be a hell of a lot easier to just quit going to seeing her and go on with our lives and forget about it. But I feel so strongly that Nancy would be horrified by her existence."

"It's not courage that keeps me going," said Joe. "It's commitment."



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Life or death

Joe and Joyce Cruzan (above) traveled to Washington, D.C. Wednesday. The Supreme Court heard arguments in Nancy Cruzan's right to die case. Representing the Cruzans, the American Civil Liberties Union argued that Nancy would not want to exist in a "mindless state."

CIM program discusses instigation of degree

Students will be taught both sides of a business

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

The computer-integrated manufacturing program may not receive much recognition on campus, but it could become a four-year baccalaureate program.

According to Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business, negotiations are still in the discussion stages. However, set-up for the program has started.

The computer-integrated manufacturing program, which contains two years of courses, does not provide an associate's degree. However, if plans go through, in the fall it will team up with the school of business to offer a bachelor of science degree with emphasis in computer-integrated manufacturing.

Students will be taught not only the operation of the machinery, but also the business and management side of running a company.

"What we're trying to do," said Don Schultz, instructor of manufacturing technology, "is to get them used to thinking of the whole picture of a manufacturing plant."

"A lot of colleges around the country are getting into trouble in that their school of business is teaching accounting methods and management methods, but the managers don't understand what happens in the manufacturing plant itself...they don't really understand the technical end of the business. The same applies with the technical people; they don't really understand accounting, the business, and what it takes to make money."

"With this degree, it will make a much more rounded person, and the country is screaming for those kinds of people."

If the program is a "go," both the manufacturing and computer-aided design programs will add three junior- and three senior-level courses.

"I don't know if I can put numbers on it," said Schultz, "but I'm looking for it to be a really big, popular program."

Schultz said he will try to feed his two-year students into the four-year program so they can graduate with a degree instead of just knowledge. The business school has given the technology school permission to start recruiting for the program.

"We're getting a lot of excitement; we really are," said Schultz. "This is going to be great for the kids. A lot of the industries around here are excited about it. Some of them have been applying a lot of pressure to get this to happen."

Though it has been small in size, the computer-integrated manufacturing pro-

gram has not been dormant. Led by Schultz, who is certified in FANUC Robotics by General Motors, the students have started an unofficial robotics program. In a growing competition between companies for more efficient production, robots are playing an ever-increasing role. Southern is beginning to do its part toward the advancement of this field.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the students became interested in robotics when the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, an international organization of which Southern is a member, sent a flyer which put forth an invitation to join a robotics contest.

"I always like a challenge," said Schultz. The students worked on a robot for five months on Saturdays and time available after class.

The robot's function was to navigate a maze. It was made from parts donated by area companies and some spare aluminum in the shop. Students did the wiring, built the maze, and did all the testing.

"We built the whole thing from scratch, basically," said Kevin Minear, a senior general studies major.

The total output of cash by the group was between \$75 and \$90. And in the national competition which was segregated only between high school and college levels, the robot won second place.

Southern went up against schools which had spent \$20,000 or \$30,000 and had robots working from mainframe computers.

"There were a lot of people up there," said John Borders, a junior management tech major, "who were freaking out on us because we are such a little school. Some of them are still mad at us. I would be if I spent \$20,000 and was beaten by a \$90 robot."

This year, the program is planning bigger and better things.

Two robots will be built for the competitions this year. One will be another maze robot which will teach itself the maze using a laser system to map out the maze so that during the second run through the maze, the robot will make no mistakes, and the second will be a robotic work cell, or robotic arm. This arm will perform a number of functions and produce a finished product. A computer system will be used for the robots this year.

"Last year the robot was self-contained," said Borders. "All the things the robot needed were on the robot. No computer was needed. This year, they are really going to be complicated."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

May I help you? Mona Donnel (left) and Celeste Prado (center) of the Council for Exceptional Children and Rick Brockman discuss matters during the Organizational Fair, held last week at the Lions' Den.

Club offers interaction with professionals

BY CHRIS COX
STAFF WRITER

In order to get a taste of professional advertising, some Missouri Southern students have joined the Joplin Ad Club.

The Ad Club belongs to the American Advertising Federation (AAF), a national advertising organization.

The students attended their first meeting with the Ad Club in November at Twin Hills Country Club. The Ad Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Twin Hills.

Interest in the club was motivated by Dr. David Noblett, associate professor of art. Noblett is in charge of Southern's graphic design program.

"The Ad Club is a group of writers and designers that create advertising and literature for various things around the area," said Noblett.

According to Noblett, an advertising club was going to start on campus, but the department realized the benefits of get-

ting students to join the Joplin chapter. "It's important because there our students can interact with the professionals," he said.

Noblett believes that interaction and the sharing of ideas between students and professionals is "mutually beneficial." He believes students can learn how the professionals got where they are and what it takes to get there, and the professionals can learn new techniques being taught in advertising and graphic design courses.

"If we didn't join, students would be isolated in the classroom and they wouldn't know what's going on out there," he said.

On Tuesday, the club participated in "A Commercial Christmas Party." Each club member was asked to bring a toy as admission, and they were to dress up as their favorite commercial. The toys received will be given away to charity.

The annual ADDY Awards will be presented Jan. 13 at the Ramada Inn. According to Joplin Ad Club president Mike Hollifield, this event is probably the most important of the year.

"It recognizes excellence in our market," said Hollifield. "Judges from out of town give out certificates and awards at the event."

The deadline for submitting entries is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

Jeffrey Hedquist, a vocal specialist from Fairfield City, Iowa, will speak to the club on Feb. 6.

Plans for this spring's Career Day/are in progress, and next fall a national contest sponsored by the AAF will give students a chance to win cash and prizes.

"A major corporation presents a problem for the students to solve," said Noblett.

The entries are sent back to the students, containing an evaluation of the quality of the their problem-solving proposal.

The club is open to anyone, but is suggested for those interested in advertising. The cost is \$15 a year.

"This is a really good price for the benefits they (members) will receive," said Noblett.

Charity drives:

LDSSA collects canned food, clothing

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Helping the needy has prompted the Latter Day Saints Student Association to sponsor a canned food drive to benefit Souls Harbor Mission.

This is the first year the group has sponsored such an event, and LDSSA hopes to make it an annual affair.

"We did this to show the community that MSSC is concerned with outside things," said Rory Hubbard, president of LDSSA.

The food collected will be used by Souls Harbor to help feed the hungry in its day-by-day meal program and will be given to needy families who appeal to Souls Harbor for help.

"The food will not be used in a holiday basket," said Art Jones, executive director of Souls Harbor. "Thanksgiving and Christmas are not just the days to feed the

hungry. Feeding the hungry is 365 days a year."

Last year alone, Souls Harbor served more than 8,000 meals in its mission at 915 Main in Joplin.

LDSSA wants to make this food drive an all-campus event. Plans are in the works to offer cash prizes to groups bringing in the most cans.

"Though we came up with the idea," said Hubbard, "we want it really to come from the campus and not just from us."

The drive is being held in the Lions' Den, and any kind of canned goods, as well as any old clothing the students might have, are being accepted. The last day items can be donated is Dec. 13.

The LDSSA also is providing Souls Harbor with a natural Christmas tree and will decorate it. The group will take the food, clothing, and Christmas tree to the mission on Dec. 14 or Dec. 15.

PBL to donate food, toys to needy

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an effort to help needy people during the holiday season, Phi Beta Lambda, a national society of business majors, is now conducting a food, clothing, and toy drive.

"Christmas seems to be an appropriate time of the year to do something for others," said Dr. Beverly Culwell, associate professor of business and PBL adviser.

Culwell said items from the drive will be given to needy families first, with leftover items given to charities such as the Salvation Army.

"We'll gather ideas from the PBL members on what to do with the rest of it. We'll probably give it to the Salvation Army and KSNF's 'Our Kids'."

KSNF-TV's "Our Kids" program col-

lects coats for the area's needy children. The coats are dry cleaned and given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

According to Culwell, this Christmas season marks the second year the organization has collected food items, clothing, and toys for the needy.






"Last year, if you'll remember, was the big tornado at Butterfield, (Mo.)," she said. "We collected items for donation."

Donations should be made in the Lions' Den, located on the bottom floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We're going to be collecting items clear up through finals week," Culwell said. "We haven't set a definite time for distribution, but it'll probably be around Dec. 20."

Non-perishable food items, toys, coats, and sweaters in good condition may be donated.

Upcoming Events

Today Dec. 7	Koinonia Free Lunch 11-1 p.m. Basement of dormitory building B		Chess Club Noon Room 325 Reynolds Hall	
Tomorrow Dec. 8				Lady Lions Basketball at Cameron University Classic Friday-Saturday 6 p.m.
Weekend Dec. 9-10	Lions Basketball at University of Nebraska—Omaha 8:05 p.m. Saturday	Christmas Ball 8 p.m. Saturday Connor Ballroom Invitation only	Basketball Shoot Contest 1 p.m. Sunday TBA	Wesley Foundation Food, fellowship, fun. 7 p.m. Sunday Newman Road UMC
Monday Dec. 11	Holiday Buffet 10:40-1:15 p.m. Connor Ballroom	Health Clinic 6 p.m. Kuhn Hall	Lady Lions Basketball at University of Kansas 7 p.m.	
Tuesday Dec. 12	Interviews National Park Service Contact Room 114F for more details Heames Hall		Lions Basketball vs. School of the Ozarks 7:30 p.m. Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium	
Wednesday Dec. 13		Lady Lions Basketball at School of the Ozarks 7 p.m.		Wesley Foundation Singing and praise 9 p.m. Newman Road UMC

Passion for art pushes student to education

Rooney wants to teach at elementary level

BY MIRIAM JEWETT
CHART REPORTER

Combining her passion for art and her love of children is what senior art education major Debbie Rooney is striving to accomplish.

"I want to teach art in grade school because I love working with young children," said Rooney. "They are at an age where they think everything they do with you is neat."

"I've always been interested in art. I get a real satisfaction from it."

She is working on her senior art exhibit consisting of macramé, jewelry, tapestries, and "a big, hairy weaving project."

Rooney, a non-traditional student, began her college career 11 years ago. She knew then she wanted to be an art major, but was not sure what to do with the degree upon graduation.

Now, nearly four years later, Rooney is doing her clinical work at Kelsey Norman Elementary School in Joplin and completing her degree.

"I've got a really neat teacher to work with; I just love her," she said. "The experience here has helped strengthen my desire to work with young children."

Rooney believes Southern is a wonderful college.

"Instructors seem to have time to talk to you. It's not so big that you're a number on the wall," she said. "They are concerned for the individual."

Juggling single parenthood, work, and classes has been a challenge for Rooney.

Though she now only drives a bus for Head Start on mornings and afternoons and attends classes in between, Rooney still does not have much time to spend with her daughter, Meghan, 11.

"There have been times she has felt like

"I want to teach art in grade school because I love working with young children. They are at an age where they think everything they do with you is neat."

—Debbie Rooney, art education major

"My mom and I sat down and discussed the fact that I needed to be able to make a living at art. She suggested art education, but I was unsure if I wanted to teach children," she said. "I really wasn't interested in teaching."

Rooney completed three semesters, dropped out, got married, and had a child.

It was not until returning to Missouri Southern in 1986 and working as a teacher's aide at Head Start that she realized combining art with teaching is what she wanted.

"I found that I loved being around young children," said Rooney.

Her decision to return to the College was not a difficult one.

"I'd recently divorced after 10 years and really had to start all over," she said. "I decided that a good place to start would be college because I already had a year and a half invested into it."

"I went to see a counselor to have him reassure me that this is what I wanted. I didn't want to be the old lady among the 18-year-olds."

an orphan," she said.

Rooney has another job on Saturdays at a clothing store on Main Street in Joplin, and she takes her daughter with her so the two of them can spend some time together.

"I'm seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I thought I'd be in school until I was 95."

Rooney is happy she decided to return to Southern.

"Once I came back out here, my whole world changed for the better," she said.

"Before, when I was 16, I played around and just slid by. I didn't see the importance of applying myself to my classes for my eventual career outside of college."

She also has discovered a new attitude about her life.

"I've learned more in life in the past four years than all of my life," she said. "I've learned that I have to be a whole, independent person before I can be happy and able to share myself with others."

"I have to be able to fulfill my own needs, and no one can do that for me."



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Artistry

Debbie Rooney, a senior art education major who wants to teach art in grade school, files on a strip of silver for a bracelet set in her advanced jewelry class. The bracelet set consists of two layers of silver soldered together, with an estimated completion time of eight to ten hours.

Jazz band to present third concert

BY CARINE PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Preparations are underway for Missouri Southern's third jazz concert of the season.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Taylor Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

Directed by Robert Meeks, the jazz band will perform numbers such as "Sweet Punkin'," "Blues for Mr. Mellow," "Tiger of San Pedro," and more.

"These are strictly jazz tunes," said Meeks.

He said the band will start the evening with "Blues in Hoss Flat," which is an uptempo blues tune by Count Basie.

The concert will feature a variety of jazz styles including blues, rock, swing, Latin, and ballad.

Meeks hopes the concert will achieve "a perpetuation for an appreciation of jazz."

"Maybe, out in that audience, someone who doesn't know that much about it," he said. "In that way, we will get more following, not for us, but for jazz."

Southern's jazz band consists of 20 musicians. It has a standard instrumentation which consists of saxophones, trombones, trumpets, and a rhythm section.

Eighteen members of the jazz band also perform for the Lion Pride Marching Band.

Meeks said it takes time and dedication to earn a place in the jazz band.

"It takes a discipline that only a musician can understand," he said. "When you are not practicing on the instrument, you are thinking it."

"The ones who don't really experience success with music are the ones who just cut it off as soon as rehearsal is over."

Meeks believes there is always room for improvement in a musician's career.

"The day I pass away will be the day that I'm about 50 percent where I need to be," he said.

According to Meeks, the jazz concerts attract a variety of people—the retired and young alike.

"Jazz has a following that is growing continually," he said. "The audience factor is growing by leaps and bounds."

Meeks said one reason for this popularity is the jazz education programs in schools nationwide.

Among other things, he says the jazz band would like to put on a concert combined with Southern Exposure, a pop vocal group on campus, and perform for the Southern Lantern Society.

Meeks said he would like to see more than one jazz band on campus. "As the popularity grows, naturally more students will become interested," he said, "and we will probably have to break it into more than one jazz band."

Concert to include singing

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
STAFF WRITER

Different from years past, 1989's Christmas concert will include a more entertainment-style setting.

Bud Clark, director of choral activities, said tonight's performance will not be a typical Christmas concert where the singers "stand on the risers and sing song after song."

Instead, it will feature a narrated script, written by Clark, that will include acting, dancing, and singing.

"It's something I've wanted to do for quite a while," said Clark. "Since my father is a retired preacher, I felt I had the background to write the script."

"Being a relatively new father, I was inspired by the feelings that were fresh on my mind," he said. "I wanted to look at Jesus' birth from Joseph's standpoint."

Clark said that the performance will take a "humanistic" approach, looking at a husband, wife, and a baby. Joseph and Mary will sing a duet, titled "My Little One," in which they duet to God, admitting that Jesus is his son, but asking why

he cannot be just their baby.

There also will be visuals, including a slide presentation of "special baby moments," featuring baby pictures of choir members. During the presentation, the choir members will sing a Christmas lullaby.

"The main idea is to give people the Christmas feeling that they want," said Clark, "one of love, warmth, and peace."

The concert, titled "Love Came Down At Christmas," will feature the Missouri Southern Concert Chorus and a few students from the theatre department.

Such favorites as "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "I Wonder as I Wander," and a candlelight setting of "Silent Night" will be included. There also will be some solos, duets, and trios.

The one and one-half hour performance is scheduled to begin at 7:30 tonight in Taylor Performing Arts Center. It is free of charge and open to the public.

"If all of the technical things work out," said Clark, "it should be a nice way to start off the Christmas season. I am hoping that it will be a warm, touching evening for all who attend."

Piano students to perform

BY STAN MIESNER
STAFF WRITER

Area piano students will perform in the Joplin Piano Teachers Association's monthly piano recital at 10 a.m. Sunday in Phinney Hall.

Glenda Austin, association president, said the recitals give area piano students the opportunity to perform publicly. Individual teachers and their students choose a variety of music. Students under the instruction of association members are eligible to participate.

Founded 11 years ago, the JPTA has more than 40 members and is independent of other educational organizations.

Austin said the association consists mainly of independent instructors who

cator to nearly 600 students. Although school-age children make up the vast majority, she said adult students also may take part in the recitals.

The organization's largest function takes place each March. The Marie Guengerich Festival, named after the organization's late founder, will be held for the third consecutive year at Southern.

While the event is not a competition, judges from various colleges and universities will attend.

"The children play something they have prepared, and they receive constructive criticism," Austin said. "They don't receive a grade. They don't win or lose. It's all constructive."

Coming Attractions

Joplin	"Love Came Down at Christmas" Concert 7:30 p.m. Today Taylor Auditorium Call 623-0183	"The Nutcracker" Tulsa Ballet 8 p.m. Saturday Taylor Auditorium Call 623-0183	Spiva Art Center Members' Show Thru Dec. 21 Spiva Art Center Call 623-0183	Holiday Open House Sunday Carver National Monument Diamond Call 417-451-4151
Springfield	"Camelot" Today thru Sunday Springfield Little Theatre Call 869-1334	Annual Elizabethan Christmas Dinner 6:15 p.m. Thru Saturday Union Ballroom - SMU Call 836-5648	Mel Tillis Tomorrow and Saturday Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre Branson Call 417-334-7535	"Messiah" by Mid-America Singers 8 p.m. Dec. 16 King's Way United Methodist Church
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Farewell Friends and business associates bid Blake Schreck, former executive vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, farewell at a Chamber reception held in his honor last Friday.

Schreck leaves Joplin with 'mixed emotions'

Executive takes chamber position in Kansas

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Because of a desire to get closer to his relatives, as well as an employment opportunity, Blake Schreck has resigned as executive vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Schreck will leave Joplin for a similar position in Newton, Kan. He will be the chief executive officer for the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

"Newton is a forward-looking community, and the chamber has young, progressive leadership," Schreck said. "They made me the proverbial 'offer I couldn't refuse.' I decided that this was really a good time to make the move."

Newton's proximity to Wichita was another factor which entered into his decision.

"I consider it to be an interesting challenge to be a part of the Wichita metropolitan area," said Schreck. "I have found that it is more advantageous to be a part of a community where I can take advantage of the numerous activities life in the city offers, yet still be a part of the 'bedroom' community, where a person can have a small town-like homelife. It's a neat opportunity."

In addition to the advantages the move has from a career standpoint, Schreck said it contains personal benefits as well.

"Another factor which made the offer attractive was the fact that Wichita is my hometown, as well as my wife's. Our families and associates are still there."

As Newton's chief executive officer, Schreck said his main task would be to integrate the city with the Wichita area.

Schreck, who joined the Joplin Chamber in September 1987, said he was proud of the accomplishments it made during his tenure.

"I think the best thing we have done since '87 was the formation of the convention and visitor's bureau," he said. "The convention and visitor's bureau has re-

sulted in a super opportunity for Joplin to promote itself. Additionally, revenues from the motel tax have generated a larger budget for the bureau than any of us ever anticipated."

Schreck said the formation of the Downtown Joplin Association was another major step forward.

"The DJA gives us a chance to revitalize the downtown Joplin area," he said. "In the future, I hope the downtown area becomes a viable area for shopping and entertainment."

For Joplin's future, Schreck said the city should become more regionalized with surrounding communities such as Pittsburg, Kan., Neosho, Carthage, and Miami, Okla.

"With a type of unification effort, Joplin could become a major metropolitan area for business and entertainment," he said. "It would give the area more clout, both politically and economically."

Schreck said one of his regrets in moving was to leave a city that is growing in terms of economic development.

"I regret leaving a dynamic growth area which has been tabbed by a number of studies as a fast growth region," he said.

"The results we're seeing from numerous plant expansions around the community make it evident that this community is growing, and it becomes more evident as time goes by."

"You know, when I first came to the Chamber, I noticed people had a really negative attitude as to the growth opportunities which exist here. But now I see that changing. People are beginning to have more pride in Joplin."

Although the move to Newton, Kan., has many advantages, Schreck said he would miss the many professional and personal relationships he has developed here.

"I leave with mixed emotions," he said. "I'm excited about the move, yet will certainly miss the friends and associates that have made our time in Joplin enjoyable."

Chamber picks CFI for monthly award

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of the leading trucking firms in the four-state area, Contract Freighters Inc. has been named Industry of the Month for December by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The company serves the continental United States, Canada, and Mexico.

"We're an international carrier, we're big in Canada and Mexico," said Glenn Brown, president of the firm. "I feel that our headquarters location in Joplin is good geographically. It's a good location to serve both countries, as well as the U.S."

Offering late model equipment to its customers, Brown said the company is gaining a reputation for quality and dependability.

"Our niche is the ability to pick up and deliver a load on time 99 percent of the time," Brown said. "In addition to that, our oldest tractor is a 1987 model, while

all of our trailers are 1989 models.

"In a word, what we offer is quality: quality in the equipment, quality in service to the customer, and, most importantly, quality in our people."

As part of this quality, CFI offers air-ride suspension on all of its trailers. This suspension system allows the trailers to ride on a type of "air bag" instead of conventional leaf springs, which are currently in use on most passenger cars. The trailers offer a smooth ride for the load, resulting in less damage to freight.

According to Brown, many companies in the area prefer to receive freight on the same day they intend to use it, thus cutting down on inventory and storage costs.

"Among many firms, we have become known as the 'just in time' trucking company," said Brown. "We get the goods to the customer just in time for them to use it."

CFI began operations in Joplin in 1951, with local businessmen Roy Reed and

Urcell Levellen founding the firm. According to Brown, Reed died two months after starting the company, leaving the president's position, as well as chairman of the board and president of the Missouri Bus and Truck Association to Levellen, who had purchased Reed's share of the business.

Brown, who began working at CFI as a driver in 1976, has served as company president since 1985.

"We have gone from a very small carrier operation to a delivery service which commands nationwide authority," he said.

The firm grossed \$111 million in 1988, with an annual payroll of \$23.5 million. It employs more than 1,400 drivers and office personnel.

"I think being chosen as Industry of the Month is a great honor," Brown said. "We're proud of the fact that we are able to provide many jobs in the community, and we're grateful for the recognition."

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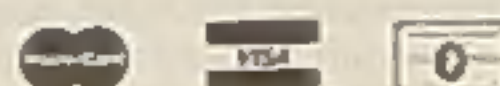
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Positive attitude is key for Corn

Basketball coach feels he doesn't have to prove himself to anyone

BY MICHELLE RICHARDSON
CHART REPORTER

Although the 1989-90 basketball season is only five games old, an old face is helping restore credibility to the program.

Robert Corn, 34, is in his first season as the men's head coach. With the help of Mike Wilson, the new assistant coach, Corn has guided the Lions to a 2-3 record. Southern only won four games last year.

As a player on the 1977-78 Southern team that finished 27-9, Corn feels an advantage returning as an alumnus because many people at the College are familiar with his competitive style. He says he does not have to prove himself to anyone.

"I am originally from Benton, Ill., and I played basketball for two years at Memphis State," said Corn. "I then transferred to Southern, playing under coaches Gary Garner and Chuck Williams my junior and senior years."

Ironically, Corn replaced Williams as head coach after the 1988-89 season.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern in 1978, Corn went on to the University of Alabama-Birmingham for his master's degree.

At UAB, was an assistant coach for 10 years, holding the top assistant position under Gene Bartow for six of those years.

"I always wanted to be a coach," he said. "It runs in the family. My father is very sports oriented, and my two brothers are both high school coaches. My sister is married to a coach."

Since coming to Southern last spring, Corn has stressed positive attitudes, mental preparation, and academics to his team.

"My players are students before they are athletes," he said.

Corn's main goal for the season is for the Lions to be competitive.

"We have moved up to the MIAA, and I do not know much about it. It will be a learning experience for both the players and me."

Southern fans may be pleased to learn of Corn's coaching philosophy.

"I like to play an up-tempo game," he said. "If we do not have the fast break, we want to set it up and run the offense."

Corn also wants to play man-to-man defense and utilize "full pressure" to create some errors from the opposition.

Since returning to Joplin, Corn says he has had to adjust to the size of the city

(compared to Birmingham) and the responsibility of being the head coach rather than an assistant.

"I always made the suggestions; now I have to make the decisions," Corn said.

His past achievements have helped his experience in many ways. Traveling with his UAB team to such places as Hawaii, Alaska, and many cities across the United States was just one of these advantages. Corn also has coached in Puerto Rico the past nine summers, his team participating in the playoffs every year and winning two championship titles.

He also was fortunate enough to run some coaching camps in Bahrain, near Saudi Arabia.

Corn says he is satisfied with the experience he earlier gained at Southern, not only in sports but in education as well.

"The faculty works well with the students," he said. "Enrollment is growing, which means they must be doing something right."

Outside of teaching and coaching, Corn enjoys playing racquetball and spending time with his wife, Cindy, and their four-year-old son, Rob.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Coming home Robert Corn, the new men's basketball coach, was apart of Southern's 1977-78 team that finished 27-9.

Secretary comes back to College

BY DAWN HENSLEY
CHART REPORTER

Though she made a transition from music to books, her love for music has not been altered.

From 1985-88, Sharen Melton was the secretary to the music department at Missouri Southern. After taking a year off to stay home with her children, she has returned as secretary to Charles Kemp, head librarian.

"I really missed the year I was off," said Melton. "I didn't get any more accomplished at home than I did when I was working."

Melton has always had a love for music. She plays violin in the Southern community orchestra and also enjoys playing classical guitar.

"I have always been in music one way or another," said Melton. "When I lived in California 20 years ago, I bought two hand-made classical guitars and started to play. But the last 10 years I have been too busy to play classical guitar."

Her library duties include bookkeeping and ordering books.

"I see that the books are invoiced, put in the computer, and paid for. I also do the other basic secretarial duties."

Outside the library, Melton has various hobbies. Aside from playing the violin and guitar, she enjoys reading historical novels and Stephen King thrillers. Melton enjoys knitting and dancing, also.

"You never outgrow it," said Melton, referring to dancing. "I was raised in the 50s, so does that tell you what kind of dancing I love?"



STAFF PHOTO BY CARNE PETERSON

Happy return Sharen Melton returned to the College after taking one year off to spend time with her three children.

Custodian gets change of scenery

BY TODD HUMBARO
CHART REPORTER

For five years Sue Carr enjoyed working at Missouri Southern as a supervisor in the snack bar. Now she can be found "keeping house" in the Spiva Art Center.

"I enjoyed the kids," said Carr. "I hated to give up the [snack bar] job, but my housekeeping duties are fun and less stressful."

Responsibility for food preparation was one of Carr's many stresses.

"Everyone did their job, so my job wasn't that hard," she said.

Pride in Missouri Southern is very dear to Carr.

"I want the students to feel proud of their school," she said. "With my housekeeping duties, I keep the school clean and give students pride in Southern."

Carr was reared and graduated from high school in Wellington, Kan.

"Back when I was growing up there was nothing to do," she said, "except there were 12 boys on my block, so I learned to play football."

Carr's attitude toward work carries



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Moving around Sue Carr is a custodian at the Spiva Art Center.

over to her perception of the world.

"I like to see people happy, and I try to make their day a little better with a smile and some friendly conversation."

Her husband, Lynn, owns and drives a dump truck. They have two children and four grandchildren. She lists caring for her grandchildren as her favorite activity.

Carr's other interest is watching the

various James Bond movies. She also enjoys gardening.

"I find the College interesting," she said. "The people are always friendly."

Carr says an advantage of her new position is that she still gets to see some of the students she waited on in the Lions' Den.

"Kids that I knew from the snack bar approach me, say 'Hi', and sometimes tell me of their problems," she said.

McKinney senses need for a return to 'basics'

BY MICHELLE CARNINE
CHART REPORTER

Even though he finds some time for his personal interests, Mitchell McKinney considers himself a hard worker.

"I am what some might consider a workaholic," says McKinney, lecturer in communications. "I guess that cuts down on a lot of my outside activities."

Realizing the usefulness of communication skills in today's world has helped to convince McKinney that his most prized possession is his degree. As he said, "I can't lose it. I'll always have it with me."

If he obtains a Ph.D. in the communications field, McKinney said he would be interested in higher education administration. He believes several things could be either improved upon or changed in today's educational system.

"We need to go back to the basics of education. We need to change because society has changed," said McKinney.

The 23-year-old believes students should be taught to think creatively.

McKinney's feelings are that children should not be divided into below average, average, and gifted categories. Second, he believes it is important to educate the educators. Finally, McKinney emphasizes the need for excellence in political figures, which he believes would reflect positively upon the educational system.

"A goal that I could have while I am here is to have the students set high goals

for themselves," said McKinney.

Much of his learning came not just from school, but from hands-on experiences. McKinney attended Western Kentucky University on a leadership scholarship program.

As a sophomore he became the student body president, which enabled him to serve as a voting member of the board of regents.

At age 20, he served for a summer in Washington, D.C. for Sen. Wendell Ford of Kentucky. Later, he served as a staff assistant to both the department chairman and the president of his college.

As McKinney said earlier, he does find some time for his hobbies. "I think life should be enjoyed. I think we have responsibility—responsibility to ourselves, our society, and the world in general."

The position at Missouri Southern attracted him because he believed Southern placed more emphasis on teaching. McKinney said, "I have enjoyed the people I've met and the College. It's obvious that it's a close-knit type of atmosphere."

McKinney enjoys working with students in the Oral Communication classes. He concentrates mainly on changing negative attitudes in his classroom. Concerning career choices, McKinney gives this advice to his students.

"Don't try to narrow yourself into a field. I think it's good to go into it undecided. You need to experience a vast variety of college courses for a while, and then decide."



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

A hard worker Mitchell McKinney, a communications lecturer, attended Western Kentucky before coming here.

Lady Lions to hire assistant basketball coach

Gabriel will receive recruiting assistance

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time at Missouri Southern, an assistant coach will be hired for the Lady Lions' basketball program.

"This has been my biggest push since I took the job as head coach at Southern," said Janet Gabriel, head coach. "In my opinion, the hiring of an assistant coach has been the biggest area of need."

The women's athletic department will officially hire an assistant coach after the Dec. 15 application deadline. According to Sallie Beard, women's athletic director,

Southern has received only eight applications. Gabriel, however, does not expect any problem in hiring a qualified person.

"I am happy the department finally realized the need for an assistant coach," she said. "With an extra person, you can get so many more things accomplished."

Beard said the assistant will fill a staff position and will not teach any classes. "The assistant will be working with Coach Gabriel strictly on basketball," Beard said. "She will not be responsible for a class load."

According to Gabriel, the assistant coach will be employed full-time and will help with recruiting and practices, as well as scouting and other coaching duties.

"The biggest help will be in recruiting," she said. "A coach is recruiting 365 days a year, seven days a week. My assistant will take a lot of the load off my shoulders."

Gabriel said she thinks the addition of an assistant coach will strengthen the Lady Lions' program by establishing "local contacts for recruiting."

"An assistant coach will definitely help the program," Gabriel said. "I have been relying on student assistants for a couple of years, and it is great they can make local contacts. But then the students graduate and leave. My assistant will be able to establish local contacts and keep in touch with them year after year. It will solve many recruiting problems."

According to Gabriel, the decision to hire a full-time assistant coach makes a statement about women's athletics at Southern.

"The administration's decision to hire an assistant says that women's basketball is important on Southern's campus," she said. "We want to be successful and give

the Lady Lions a winning reputation. I think Southern realizes the significance of women's basketball on a national level and has noticed the sport is gaining more respect."

The final decision in selecting the coach will be solely Gabriel's. She said having an assistant is crucial as Southern enters MIAA competition next semester. Eighty-five percent of MIAA schools have a women's assistant basketball coach.

Gabriel said perseverance is responsible for the changes she has instigated in the program. She said she brought new ideas with her when she was hired in 1988.

"The administration sees that I am trying to do good for the program," she said. "I see the decision to hire an assistant as a reward for trying to make the program successful."

My Opinion



Look out for Southern in next decade

This is a rather scary column to write. It is the last sports column I will write this decade. That's what's scary. The end of a decade. So I will examine sports at Missouri Southern during the final semester of the decade.

The 1989 season will be memorable for almost every sport at Southern. I think each sport had its particular good times and bad. Each sport experienced success, and each sport had some setbacks.

I had the opportunity to really learn about the coaches and the athletes themselves. I like to think my stories are often read because I take a different perspective. I try to write about the feelings behind the game, the person behind the athlete. I have enjoyed sharing in the athletes' victories and sympathizing in their losses. I think 1989 will be a season long remembered.

The soccer program at Southern has continued to grow and excel since its inception by Hal Bodon. This year, Jack Spurlin led the soccer Lions to defeat Rockhurst College for the second time in two years. What made the victory sweeter was the fact that Rockhurst was undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the nation. "Rock" finished 22-2, with one of its two losses to Southern. Pretty impressive.

The soccer Lions, finishing 11-6-2, also defeated Northeast Missouri State University, ranked No. 10 in the nation. Spurlin said he saw an increase in attendance at the soccer games this season, which reflects an increase in the sport's popularity.

Although the 1989 football Lions experienced a severe tragedy this season, I think Coach Jon Lantz deserves a lot of credit for helping the rest of the team get themselves back together and end with a winning record of 6-4. At the start of the season, the football Lions did not have a good reputation and were not expected to fare well in the MIAA.

I think all the football players deserve a pat on the back for reestablishing Southern as a foe to be reckoned with. The Lions began the season with low expectations and were pleasantly surprised with a "high yield." They will be taken more seriously in future seasons.

1989 also marked the first season of a cross country program at Southern. Coach Tom Rutledge said he thought the first season was a success despite certain limitations. Southern does not enjoy the reputation of a successful track program to entice athletes to come here. At a matter of fact, Southern did not have any reputation in track because we did not even have a track program. Rutledge forces a full-fledged track program by 1991.

The Lady Lions volleyball team, 9-25, faced "tough competition" this season but surprised many fans with its talent. The team had a good attitude and worked hard to prove itself to opponents. Although the Lady Lions ended their season with a fifth-place tie at the MIAA tournament, coach Debbie Traywick said she was pleased with her team's play.

Losing only two seniors, Karen Doak and Fonda Montgomery, the women's volleyball program will continue to improve next year. In fact, one day Southern will win the MIAA championship. How's that for being optimistic?

I like to think the press is helpful in building a good reputation for the athletic department. I know I have tried to be positive and optimistic about the future of sports at Southern, but of course I know I am not fully responsible. I have had great subjects to write about.

Look out for Southern in the 1990s.

□ Anastasia Umland is sports editor of The Chart.

Poertner gets the call; replaces Spurlin as coach

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

A former Missouri Southern soccer player will replace Jack Spurlin as head coach.

Twenty-six-year-old Scott Poertner, presently a teacher and soccer coach at Waynesville [Mo.] High School, has accepted the offer to coach soccer at Southern. Poertner will work on a part-time basis.

Poertner played for Southern during the 1981, 1982, and 1983 seasons. In 1982 he was named most valuable defensive player. He also earned a position on the all-district first team and the NAIA all-Midwest team.

"I feel lucky to have the chance to coach at Southern," Poertner said. "I am really excited to have the opportunity to coach an NCAA Division II school. I want to continue the big winning tradition at Southern."

Spurlin said he is pleased with the selection of Poertner and thinks the soccer program will continue to move ahead.

"Scott is really dedicated to coaching at Southern," Spurlin said. "He is giving up a full-time position to coach part-time here. I think that shows a lot of commitment."

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, thinks Poertner's appointment "is excellent given the situation we are in."

"Scott has been well received on campus and was highly recommended," said Frazier. "I think he is far enough removed to be effective with the team. We feel very fortunate to have Scott join our staff."

Although Poertner officially signed his coaching contract on Dec. 2, he will not move to the Joplin area until May when his present job ends.

"I am planning to do some recruiting in and around the St. Louis area as well as Tulsa during the spring," Poertner said. "My assistant, Tom Davidson, will run practices through the week, and I will come down on the weekends for the games during spring ball."

Spurlin said he recommended Poertner because of his extensive experience with soccer and his success as an athlete.

"Scott brings youth and soccer knowledge to the program," said Spurlin. "He was an excellent player and will be able to relate to the players well."

Said Poertner, "I have always loved soccer. I have played the game forever and always wanted to coach. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to coach at the college level, especially at my alma mater."



Trapped Lady Lion Terri Haynes is pressed by a pair of CMSU defenders during Tuesday's 81-64 loss to the Jennies.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Lions fall to Oral Roberts

Turnovers, poor shooting spell doom in 77-69 loss

Playing their fourth road game in a row, the basketball Lions fell to Oral Roberts University 77-69 Monday in Tulsa.

"We had some crucial turnovers, but we just didn't make our shots," said Robert Corn, head coach.

Corn said the team knew it could "hold its own" against ORU, but the Lions had trouble getting the ball in the basket.

"In this game, ORU scored the fewest points than any of their other games this season," he said. "We tried to shorten the game and force them to play defense. They had to work for their baskets."

According to senior forward Mike Rader, the Lions stuck to their game plan but had trouble hitting their shots.

"I think the team is happy because we kept ORU under 100 points," Rader said. "We may have been a little intimidated because ORU has a huge gymnasium."

The Lions, 2-3, are now preparing for Saturday's 7:30 p.m. road game against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, 4-0.

"Nebraska has always been a good team," Corn said. "We plan to stick to our

original format and try and push the ball and get the turnovers."

Senior forward Reggie Mahone played for the UNO Mavericks before coming to Southern this season. Corn said he does not think Mahone will feel any additional pressure playing against his former team.

"The game might be extra special for Reggie, especially since he is a senior," Corn said. "I don't think he will take any special approach and play differently."

Mahone leads the Lions in scoring with a 14.4 average. Junior center Lino Rodriguez has a 10.0 average.

The Lions will wrap up the fall part of their season Tuesday when they host the School of the Ozarks in a 7:30 p.m. contest. Corn thinks S of O, 5-3, is a well-coached team and will pose a challenge for the Lions.

"They have played well against their opponents," he said. "It won't be easy. We really do not have any easy games this season. Each one will be difficult."

Southern participates in the Freepoint Sunshine Shootout in the Grand Bahamas Jan. 1-8.

KU on tap for Lady Lions

Despite playing a "hard" second half Tuesday night, the women's basketball team fell to Central Missouri State University 81-64 in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

"I think we were scared of CMSU because they placed fourth in the nationals last year," said Janet Gabriel, head coach. "CMSU is awesome. We played them 35-35 in the second half, so I think that makes us pretty good, too."

According to Raye Pond, Gabriel's unofficial assistant coach, the Lady Lions demonstrated what they are capable of during the second half.

of competition reflected by their schedule.

"I hope people realize our schedule," she said. "The competition we are playing is really tough."

The Lady Lions now turn their attention to a hectic upcoming schedule. They participate in the Cameron [Okla.] University Classic tomorrow and Saturday, meeting Central State University and the host Lady Aggies. Central State, 4-1, handed Southern a 96-94 double overtime loss on Nov. 24 at the Pittsburg State Classic.

On Monday the Lady Lions face Kansas University, 3-2, in Lawrence.

"If you aren't ready to play us, you will be sorry. We fight until the end and we never back down. My girls will get in your face and battle hard. They hang in there."

—Janet Gabriel, head coach

"We showed during the second half what we can produce in the future," Pond said. "We never gave up."

Gabriel said the Lady Lions have adopted the tradition of shouting "Intensity" at the break of every huddle.

"I think this helps the girls remember what they need to do to be successful," she said. "We have been working on our intensity very hard in practice, and we want to be sure we keep it during our games."

In Gabriel's opinion, the Lady Lions, 3-3, are doing well considering the level

"We are excited to be playing good teams," Gabriel said. "I hope to come out this weekend with two wins and one loss. I'd love to be 3-0, but if there is a loss I can live with a loss to KU."

Gabriel thinks the Lady Lions will benefit from playing more difficult teams early in the season.

"If you aren't ready to play us, you will be sorry," she said. "We fight until the end, and we never back down. My girls will get in your face and battle hard. They hang in there."

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Last April the administration announced a change in procedures for textbook deposit refunds. Books are to be returned to the bookstore at the end of finals. A check will then be mailed to the student's home address of record. Books returned before noon on Dec. 22, 1989 will have a check processed on Jan. 4, 1990. Refunds for books returned after Dec. 22, 1989 will be credited to Spring 1990 fees. Failure to return textbooks will result in a hold being placed on grades and cancellation of Spring class schedule.

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